

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINR, NO  
SUBJECT: NEW NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. NORWEGIAN EMBASSY AND ICELANDIC PRESS REPORT THAT  
NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO ICELAND OLAV LYDVO TO TRANSFER TO  
PRAGUE AS NEW NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. LYDVO, 58, EDUCATED AT NORWAY SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION; ENTERED FOREIGN SERVICE 1945; SERVED  
OVERSEAS IN UK AND FINLAND; TRADE SPECIALIST, LYDVO WAS  
COUNSELOR-AT-LARGE FOR EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND PERMA-  
NENT REPRESENTATIVE TO EFTA (GENEVA) 1962; ATTENDED NATO  
DEFENSE COLLEGE, PARIS, 1963-64; ATTENDED AND TAUGHT NOR-  
WEGIAN DEFENSE COLLEGE 1964-66; AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA (ALSO  
ACCREDITED VENEZUELA, ECUADOR, AND PANAMA) 1966-72; AMBASSADOR  
TO ICELAND 1973-77.

3. LYDVO'S CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADORS HERE OVER  
THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS HAVE BEEN FRIENDLY BUT GENERALLY  
AVOIDED COMMENTS ON MATTER OF SUBSTANCE. THIS MAY HAVE  
BEEN DUE TO MEAGER PERSONNEL RESOURCES (TWO-MAN  
POST) AS WELL AS A RELUCTANCE TO OTHER NORDICS TO APPEAR  
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TOO INVOLVED IN STRICTLY ICELANDIC MATTERS. LYDVO  
AND WIFE (OF SCOTTISH ORIGIN) TOOK EXTENDED HOLIDAYS  
FROM REYKJAVIK IN NORWAY, UK, OR SUNNIER CLIMES.

4. LYDVOS WERE MODERATELY ACTIVE CONSISTENT WITH  
FORMAL PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS OF POST AND ALWAYS RECEPTIVE  
TO INVITATIONS FROM AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. THEY ENJOY

FISHING, SKIING, AND WALKING, AND AMBASSADOR LYDVO  
PLAYS GOLF. THEY HAVE NO CHILDREN. BOTH ARE VERY  
APPROACHABLE AND HAVE WARM, FRIENDLY MANNER.  
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